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I must draw your urgent attention to the alarming situation in Occupied Palestine, particularly in East Jerusalem, where rising tensions are fuelling another cycle of violence, leading to the loss of innocent civilian lives and a steep deterioration of conditions on the ground.

The backdrop to all this is Israel's ongoing foreign occupation of Palestine and its brutal repression, collective punishment and humiliation of the Palestinian civilian population. While the occupying Power persists with its violations and oppressive measures against the Palestinian people, its occupying forces, extremist settlers and religious zealots have unleashed a barrage of violence and terror against the Palestinian people, causing the death of and injury to Palestinian civilians and the destruction of Palestinian homes and property. Moreover, repeated aggression, provocations and incitement, by both Israeli extremists and government officials, against Al-Haram Al-Sharif in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rights of Muslim worshippers therein are exacerbating religious sensitivities and have heightened the risk of an outbreak of religious conflict with extremely dangerous ramifications. Immediate international attention is required to bring a halt to Israel's illegal policies and practices, ensure immediate protection to the defenceless Palestinian civilian population and avert the situation from spiralling out of control.

In this regard, I regret to inform that one Palestinian child and two Palestinian youths were killed this past weekend. On 5 October, Israeli occupying forces that had raided the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem killed 13-year-old Abed al-Rahman Shadi Obeidallah, shooting him in the heart, and injuring a teenage boy with live fire. On 4 October, Israeli occupying forces shot in the chest and killed 18-year-old Huthayfa Othman Suleiman in the village of Bala, east of Tulkarem. On the same day, 19-year-old Fadi Samir Mustafa Alloun, from the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Issawiya, was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces as he was

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fleeing from Israeli settlers attempting to attack him and screaming "Death to Arabs", "Kill the Arabs" and other racist and inflammatory comments. While there is video documenting the incident, in which Fadi was shown to have been clearly killed in cold blood by the occupying forces, there is no proof whatsoever of the allegations that he had committed any crime. Furthermore, following his murder, and adding to the grief and suffering of his family, it was reported that occupying forces had stormed the Alloun family home, assaulting women with rods and tasers and damaging furniture.

The occupying Power's lack of respect for Palestinian civilian life has been repeatedly proved in the brutality of its indiscriminate assaults and aggression perpetrated over the past decades against the Palestinian people. Indeed, the Israeli Government has even legislated this lack of respect for human life in new laws relaxing the rules of engagement for the occupying forces in such a manner as to encourage them to shoot to kill Palestinians, including children, with total impunity. Such gruesome violations will only continue if Israel, the occupying Power, continues to be shielded from accountability and absolved of its obligations to comply with international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, as the entire civilized world is obliged to do.

In addition to the deaths caused by the excessive, deliberate force used by the Israeli occupying forces, since 3 October alone, approximately 500 Palestinians, including children, have been injured in attacks against civilians in cities and towns throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. At least 184 of the injured were shot with live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets by occupying forces or terrorist settlers, who are armed and roaming in gangs and militias, attacking Palestinian civilians, homes, orchards and vehicles, including ambulances, with total impunity.

In Tulkarem, Israel, the occupying Power, deployed snipers on rooftops and fired live ammunition, tear gas and rubber-coated bullets directly at Palestinian civilians. Three young Palestinians were shot with live fire during the clashes, including Omar Jadba, who was seriously wounded, and six more Palestinians were shot by rubber-coated steel bullets. Nineteen-year-old Muhannad Al-Halabi was shot dead by occupying forces in Occupied East Jerusalem following an alleged stabbing attack. At the Qalandiya checkpoint that separates Ramallah from Jerusalem, four civilians were shot with live fire and two others with rubber-coated steel bullets as occupying forces fired directly at protesters. Israeli occupying forces stormed the Arroub refugee camp near Al-Khalil, firing tear gas canisters at Palestinian homes and at protesters, causing many of them to suffer excessive tear gas inhalation. A siege was also imposed on the camp, preventing all Palestinians from entering or leaving. In addition, a Palestinian security officer was assaulted by occupying forces at the Zatara checkpoint, and the Nablus area remained on virtual lockdown overnight, with the Huwwara and Beit Furik checkpoints closed by the Israeli army.

On 1 October, hundreds of Israeli extremist settlers rampaged across Nablus, carrying out multiple violent attacks against Palestinian homes and vehicles and seizing main roads. Over 200 Israeli settlers attempted to raid the town of Huwwara, south of Nablus, under the protection of Israeli occupying forces, while gangs of settlers raided the village of Burin and smashed Palestinian vehicles near the Huwwara checkpoint. In total, more than 15 Palestinian vehicles were damaged by

settlers, including an ambulance en route to aid Palestinians suffering from tear gas inhalation in Burin after occupying forces had fired stun grenades and tear gas canisters into the village. In the village of Beituniya, near Ramallah, Israeli settlers torched a car, and a Palestinian man was injured after they had smashed his vehicle. Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement of "Beit El" attacked Palestinian vehicles near Ramallah as Israeli occupying forces looked on. Settlers also carried out attacks in the village of Sinjil, north of Ramallah, closed a main north-south highway and carried out attacks against Palestinian civilians and property in Al-Khalil and Bethlehem. Settler depravity in Al-Khalil is particularly notorious and continues to be so. On 5 October, settlers violently assaulted two Palestinians, 13-year-old Adham Musallam and 24-year-old Muhammad al-Tarayra.

These are just a few of the incidents that are taking place in an atmosphere of high tension, which is being gravely exacerbated by the occupying Power's deployment of battalions of hundreds of occupying forces throughout cities, towns, villages and refugee camps in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and by its imposition of a discriminatory, illegal ban on Palestinians from entering the Old City in Occupied East Jerusalem and worshipping at Christian and Muslim holy sites, including the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Meanwhile, Israelis and tourists continue to be permitted to enter the Old City and holy sites, and more than 100 extremist Israeli settlers have been allowed to enter Al-Aqsa with the protection and backing of the Israeli Government.

We call on the international community to react to this dangerous escalation and act to protect the Palestinian civilian population under the military occupation of Israel. The international community cannot stand idly by while Israel, the occupying Power, and military forces and extremist settler militias continue their crimes, violence and terror against the Palestinian people, endangering lives, especially our youth, whose vulnerability is most high, as they are clearly being targeted by this reckless and barbaric occupation in deliberate acts of provocation and aggression against the Palestinian civilian population.

The international community, in particular the Security Council, must act responsibly and immediately to de-escalate this crisis and to insist on respect for international law without exception. If Israel, the occupying Power, is permitted to persist with such attacks and illegal measures against the Palestinian people, their land and holy sites with impunity, the situation will surely devolve even further with vastly negative consequences. We urge the Security Council, in line with its duty under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security, to act now with a view to addressing this explosive situation, which is threatening to further destabilize the region, and to saving innocent lives. In this regard, the State of Palestine has repeatedly appealed for international protection and calls once again for the protection of the defenceless Palestinian people, who are suffering immensely as a result of the occupying Power's violence and volatility against the civilian population.

Furthermore, with regard to the escalations in Occupied East Jerusalem, and especially at Al-Haram Al-Sharif, we reiterate our unequivocal rejection of all illegal Israeli actions and demand an immediate cessation. It is urgent that firm messages be sent by the international community, backed by consistent actions, to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with all relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions calling for a cessation of all measures aimed at

illegally and forcibly altering the character, legal status and demography of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and including the holy site of Al-Haram Al-Sharif.

The risks of inaction are dramatically rising with each passing day that Palestinian suffering deepens, and hopes further diminish that this illegitimate, cruel Israeli occupation will ever come to an end and that the legitimate Palestinian aspirations for freedom, rights and peace will ever be realized. Impunity for Israel and its rejection of peace must be seriously confronted before it is too late to salvage whatever small prospects for peace remain. The matter is urgent and cannot withstand delay, and we appeal to the international community, particularly the Security Council, to act forthwith.

The present letter is in follow-up to our 554 previous letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 22 September 2015 (A/ES-10/691-S/2015/736), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators brought to justice.

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Although I submitted a letter to you only two days ago, the intensifying aggression by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people in the Occupied State of Palestine, including East Jerusalem, compels me to submit a follow-up letter today. The Palestinian leadership appeals to the international community, particularly the Security Council, to act immediately to halt all Israeli violations of international law, including humanitarian law and human rights law, against the unprotected, defenceless Palestinian civilian population. Below is a summary of those violations from just the past 24 hours.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society is reporting that more than 130 Palestinians, including children, have been injured by Israeli occupying forces, with at least 50 injured by live ammunition, bringing the total number of Palestinians injured to 630 since Saturday, 3 October 2015, as the occupying forces continue their raids on Palestinian areas and attacks on civilians. A large number of the injured are in critical condition, with many who are undergoing lifesaving operations, including at least two Palestinians who were shot in the head with rubber bullets. Since Friday, 2 October 2015, Israeli occupying forces have also carried out 27 attacks on Red Crescent emergency relief teams, leaving 17 staff members injured and 10 ambulances damaged.

Israel's extremist settlers and religious zealots also continue their reign of terror against the Palestinian civilian population with complete impunity. Since our previous letter, extremist settlers have injured at least two Palestinians, including Osama Abu Qubita, aged 10, whose home they attacked in the south of Al-Khalil. Osama had to be transferred to a hospital for treatment as a result of an injury to his head. Also, today, a Palestinian girl, Shurouq Dwayyat, aged 18, was seriously injured when she was shot by an Israeli settler in the Old City of Jerusalem. Extremist settlers also intercepted the convoy of the Prime Minister of the State of

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Palestine, Rami Hamdallah, and shouted racist slogans while calling for the death of Palestinians.

In addition, Israel continues its campaign of repression and collective punishment against the Palestinian people under its occupation. Yesterday, 6 October, Israeli occupying forces demolished the homes of two Palestinian families and poured concrete into another Palestinian home just hours after the Prime Minister of Israel called for a "new process" to expedite home demolitions in a cabinet meeting and promised a "strong hand" against Palestinians and broader use of administrative detention. Moreover, a statement released by the Israeli Prime Minister's office on 5 October 2015 said that additional Israeli occupying forces had been deployed and were "going deeply into the Arab neighbourhoods, which has not been done in the past". The occupying Power also continued to illegally enforce a 48-hour ban on Palestinians from entering the Old City in Occupied East Jerusalem and worshipping at Christian and Muslim holy sites, including Al-Aqsa Mosque. Meanwhile, Israelis, including extremist and violent settlers, as well as tourists, continue to be permitted to enter the Old City and holy sites, including Al-Aqsa Mosque, with the protection and backing of the Israeli Government.

We call for urgent international attention to compel Israel to halt its illegal policies and practices, to ensure immediate protection for the defenceless Palestinian civilian population and to prevent the situation from spiralling further out of control. The international community, in particular the Security Council, must call on Israel to end all of its violations against the Palestinian people. It should be stated that it is the occupying Power, not the defenceless Palestinian people under its foreign occupation, that is exacerbating tensions and despair with its illegal policies and punitive measures and that has the power to de-escalate the explosive situation on the ground throughout the Occupied State of Palestine, including in East Jerusalem.

Despite this fact, instead of de-escalating the situation, Israel has chosen to escalate the situation and provoke and incite the Palestinian people by injuring, killing and arresting more Palestinian civilians as well as demolishing homes belonging to Palestinian families in blatant acts of collective punishment. The Security Council must take real action to defuse the situation on the ground and must call on Israel, the occupying Power, to withdraw its forces from the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and cease its aggressions against the Palestinian civilian population.

Israel can no longer be permitted to act as a State above the law. It is the duty of the Security Council to ensure that Israel complies with all of its obligations as an occupying Power under international law, including humanitarian law and human rights law. Moreover, the obligation to respect and ensure respect for the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 (Geneva Convention IV) must be upheld by all of the High Contracting Parties. Such respect is paramount to saving lives, stemming the dangerous deterioration of this situation and salvaging the prospects for peace.

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occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

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Identical letters dated 9 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

The situation in occupied Palestine, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate owing to the escalation of Israel's latest campaign of military aggression against the Palestinian people. In recent days, the occupying Power has intensified its onslaught against Palestinian civilians, including in the occupied Gaza Strip, in grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law and the relevant provisions regarding the protection of civilians in armed conflict, and in grave breach of the prohibition of collective punishment against the civilian population under occupation.

Casualties and injuries among the Palestinian civilian population, including women and children, are, tragically, mounting. Today, seven more Palestinians were killed at the hands of the occupying forces. Six of those killed were from the occupied Gaza Strip, where more than 1.8 million Palestinians continue to live under an illegal and immoral Israeli blockade. In Gaza Israeli occupying forces fired at peaceful demonstrators in an area east of the al-Shujaiyeh neighbourhood, killing Ahmed al-Hirbawi, Shadi Dawla, Ziyad Nabeel Sharaf and Abed al-Wahidi, all 20 years of age, while Mohammad al-Raqeb, 15 years of age, was killed after being shot by occupying forces near Khan Younis. Another Palestinian youth, Adnan Abu Alayyan, 19 years of age, was also killed east of Khan Younis. More than 150 Palestinian civilians, among them many children, were injured as a result of the excessive and disproportionate force used by the occupying Power.

The seventh Palestinian causality, Mohammad al-Ja'bari, 19 years of age, was killed in the occupied West Bank city of al-Khalil, near the illegal settlement of Kiryat Arba. In addition to this killing, across the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Red Crescent is reporting that more than 45 Palestinians have been injured today by live ammunition by the occupying forces and hundreds more have suffered from tear gas inhalation. This brings the total number of Palestinians injured, many of

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them severely, since the beginning of Israel's latest onslaught to more than 800 civilians.

I must convey the Palestinian leadership's grave concern and total condemnation of the continuation of this blatant Israeli aggression and incitement to violence and terror against the Palestinian people. Such reckless behaviour, deliberately aimed at terrorizing and causing harm to our people, captive under this illegal foreign occupation, is seriously heightening tensions and risks the further unraveling of the already fragile situation. In this regard, I bring to your attention the incitement and provocation by Israel's so-called mayor of Jerusalem, who called upon all Jews to carry their guns "all the time" to respond to so-called "Palestinian attacks". Video footage shows him walking around the occupied city carrying a rifle. Such examples of provocation by Israeli officials, together with the continued ban on Palestinian worshippers from the al-Aqsa mosque compound, especially during Friday prayers, can only further inflame tensions, fuelling more unrest and violence, with dire consequences.

The latest onslaught by Israeli occupying forces, upon official government directives, against the Palestinian people has only further emboldened illegal Israeli settlers, who have also intensified their attacks and crimes against Palestinian civilians and their property with complete and utter impunity. Protected by Israeli occupying forces, video footage shows Israeli settlers attacking Palestinians, while occupying forces not only provide cover for them but also attack Palestinians side by side with the groups of armed settlers. Among the many criminal acts committed by illegal Israeli settlers is the incident in which an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Bilal al-Ja'bari, 11 years of age, in the Jaber neighbourhood of al-Khalil, on 7 October 2015. As a result of this vicious crime against yet another innocent child, Bilal is seriously injured and continues to be hospitalized.

After nearly five decades of Israeli repression, violence and collective punishment, which has resulted in thousands of Palestinian deaths and injuries and trauma to the entire civilian population, the international community should not allow one more day to go by where the Palestinian people are left without international protection. Words are not enough and action must be taken to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to halt its illegal and destructive policies and practices. This is urgent to ensure immediate protection for the defenceless Palestinian civilian population, consistent with the provisions and obligations of international humanitarian law. The Palestinian people cannot remain the exception to the responsibility to protect civilians from such atrocities and flagrant breaches of the law. This is also urgent to prevent the situation from spiralling further out of control, particularly in occupied East Jerusalem, where reckless Israeli provocations regarding al-Haram al-Sharif have seriously aggravated religious sentiments and threaten to instigate a religious conflict.

We call again upon the Security Council to take real action to defuse the situation on the ground and call upon Israel, the occupying Power, to withdraw its forces from the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and immediately cease its aggressions against the Palestinian civilian population. The international community cannot remain paralyzed while this critical situation continues to escalate and threatens to plunge the region into another cycle of violence that will only bring more bloodshed and suffering and loss of all hope for a better future.

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Identical letters dated 12 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Since our last letter to you, on 9 October 2015, I regret to inform you that the situation in the occupied State of Palestine, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate as a result of Israel's crimes and violations against the Palestinian people held hostage to its occupation. This situation warrants immediate attention by the international community, in particular the Security Council, to act to halt all violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, committed by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people, as well as to provide the Palestinian people with international protection before the situation spirals further out of control. Each day that passes, more innocent lives are lost as is any hope to reach a peaceful two-State solution in future.

The following are just some tragic examples of the latest Palestinian casualties and human rights violations caused by the brutal raids and attacks of the occupying forces and their terrorist settlers over the past three days. The list also includes some additional violations by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian population under its occupation.

On 10 October 2015:

- Marwan Barbakh (13 years of age) and Khalil Othman (15 years of age) were shot dead during an Israeli raid in Gaza
- Ishaq Qasem Badran (16 years of age) was shot dead near the Damascus Gate in occupied East Jerusalem

On 11 October 2015:

- Noor Hassan, a 30-year-old pregnant woman, and her daughter Rahaf Hassan (2 years of age) were killed by an Israeli airstrike in Gaza

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- Ahmed Sharaka (13 years of age), from al-Jalazoun refugee camp, was shot dead with a live round during an Israeli military raid south of al-Bireh, near Ramallah

- The Ministry of Health announced that the occupying forces had shot and injured more than 1,300 Palestinians with live and rubber-coated bullets since the beginning of this month, noting that at least 75 Palestinians had been shot with live rounds on Sunday alone; of those, 53 Palestinians had been shot with live fire at Huwarra, south of Nablus, and a further 20 had been shot with live rounds, including expanding dumdum bullets

- At least 50 Palestinians were detained overnight Sunday in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem

On 12 October 2015:

- Hassan Khaled Manasra (15 years of age) was killed in Beit Hanina, north of occupied East Jerusalem

- Ahmed Saleh Manasra (13 years of age) was seriously injured in Beit Hanina

- Mustafa Adel al-Khatib (18 years of age) from Sur Baher in occupied East Jerusalem was shot and killed near Bab al-Asbat

- Eighteen Palestinians were wounded by Israeli occupying forces near Huwarra

- A young man was shot, wounded and kidnapped by the occupying forces north of Bethlehem

- Farah Bakeer (17 years of age), a Palestinian schoolgirl, was shot and seriously injured in occupied East Jerusalem

- A Palestinian prisoner, Fadi al-Darabi (30 years of age), from Jenin, was declared brain-dead after being transferred to an Israeli hospital following a stroke and acute bleeding while in captivity in an Israeli prison

- Terrorist Israeli settlers stormed two villages south of Nablus, Qusra and Jalud, under the protection of occupying forces, in an attempt to attack Palestinian homes and civilians

- According to reports today, at least 27 Palestinians, including several children, have been killed by the occupying forces since the beginning of October (12 days)

The violations mentioned above should trigger immediate action by the international community, including the Security Council, to finally take measures to provide the Palestinian civilian population with immediate protection, consistent with the provisions and obligations of international humanitarian law. The Palestinian people cannot remain the exception to the responsibility to protect civilians from such atrocities and flagrant breaches of the law.

At a time when the international community is needed to step up its efforts, the Palestinian leadership expresses its dismay that the Middle East Quartet, at the behest of the occupying Power, has cancelled its planned meeting that was to take place this week in the occupied State of Palestine and Israel. Indeed, the cancellation of this meeting at a time when it is most needed sends a very troubling message about the readiness and ability of the international community to undertake

the hard work of reviving peace prospects and the willingness to confront the continuation by Israel of its illegal and destructive policies. We appeal to the international community to accept its responsibilities and reject the occupying Power's obstruction of efforts to address this critical situation with the seriousness required to de-escalate tensions, save civilian lives and create a credible political horizon, with the termination of the occupation that began in 1967 as its end goal.

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Identical letters dated 14 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Since our last letter to you, on 12 October 2015, members of the Palestinian civilian population, including women and children, have continued to be killed, injured and terrorized as a result of Israel's latest rampage of aggression throughout the Occupied State of Palestine, including East Jerusalem. As we continue to write these letters, we must emphasize that the purpose of writing them is not only to place on record the long list of crimes committed by the occupying Power against a defenceless and occupied civilian population but also to mobilize the international community, in particular the Security Council, to immediately act to halt all of the occupying Power's violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law.

Furthermore, as more and more Palestinian civilians, especially young children, are being killed and severely injured by live ammunition, we continue to call upon the international community to provide the Palestinian people with international protection. It is without a doubt that each day that passes the situation is worsening, and if the occupying Power continues to pursue its acts of aggression, collective punishment and State terrorism against an occupied people who have already suffered so much over the past five decades of Israeli occupation, the situation will hit a breaking point that may become impossible to stabilize.

The following are some of the many crimes that continue to be perpetrated by the Israeli occupying forces and terrorist settlers against the Palestinian people. This includes the latest Palestinian casualties caused by the violence and terror of the occupying Power against our defenceless civilians:

On 13 October 2015:

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, as at 13 October 2015, 30 Palestinians had been killed by the Israeli occupying forces since the

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beginning of the month and over 1,400 Palestinians injured by live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets used by the Israeli occupying forces across the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Moreover, at least 33 journalists had been injured since the beginning of October 2015, 15 of them with live and rubber-coated bullets.

- Alaa Abu Jamal (age 33) was shot in East Jerusalem by Israeli occupying forces and was seized afterwards by Israeli occupying forces.

- The occupying Power took a decision to seal off Palestinian neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem and to erect additional checkpoints clearly constituting a form of collective punishment in violation of the occupying Power's obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention. In a statement, Human Rights Watch stated: "Locking down East Jerusalem neighbourhoods will infringe upon the freedom of movement of all Palestinian residents rather than being a narrowly tailored response to a specific concern. The checkpoints are a recipe for harassment and abuse." Frightfully, it was also decided that the occupying Power would make obtaining permits for personal firearms even easier for Israeli individuals.

- Mutaz Ibrahim Zawahreh (age 27), from the Dheisheh refugee camp, was shot and killed by the occupying forces with a live bullet in the chest during a military raid in Bethlehem.

- According to the Palestine Red Crescent Society, over 400 Palestinians were injured during raids by the occupying forces on 13 October in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, at least 31 of whom were shot with live ammunition.

- Terrorist settlers attacked olive farmers near Turmus'ayya and Tal villages, south and west of Nablus, and stoned Palestinian cars on the Ramallah-Nablus Road, as well as near the town of Yatta in Al-Khalil.

- Several farmers, including Mohammad Ishtayeh, Ahmad Hindi, Meqdad Zeidan and Karim Ramadan, were detained and attacked by the terrorist settlers, under the watch and protection of Israeli occupying forces.

On 14 October 2015:

- A total of 36 Palestinians were detained overnight and 4 others were summoned by Israeli forces throughout the West Bank.

- A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was shot in the eye and seriously injured with a rubber-coated steel bullet in Surif town, north-east of Al-Khalil.

- Israeli settlers set fire to large swathes of Palestinian-owned agricultural land near the village of Burin, south of Nablus in the West Bank.

- Bare' Ismael Shalash (age 17) was shot and injured in Beit Awwa, west of Al-Khalil.

- Palestinian detainee Fadi Al-Darbi (age 30), who had suffered a stroke while in Israeli captivity in prison, died in an Israeli hospital.

- Basel Sidr (age 20) was shot with more than 10 bullets and left to bleed on the ground until he died at the Damascus Gate in occupied East Jerusalem.

As the violations against Palestinian children continue to multiply, we continue to insist again that the Israeli Government, the Israeli occupying forces and Israeli settler militias belong on the list of grave violators of child rights in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict, and we will not relent in calling for such listing in the face of ongoing violations and crimes against our innocent and defenceless children.

It is without a doubt that the above-mentioned violations are in grave breach of international humanitarian law, as well as international criminal law as articulated in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. For these war crimes, we will continue to seek accountability and justice through all legal and peaceful means. At the same time, we call again upon the international community, particularly the Security Council, to act now to protect the Palestinian people and defuse this dangerous situation, which clearly constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

The international community must ensure that international protection is provided to the Palestinian people in order to spare them from more loss and suffering. As we have stated in the past, the Palestinian people cannot remain the exception to the responsibility to protect civilians from atrocities and flagrant breaches of the law, for they are not just statistics but human beings whose lives are being constantly shattered by a brutal occupier that proves over and over again its total disregard for the lives and rights of the Palestinian people and total contempt for international law. The time is now for the international community to finally bring an end to Israel's impunity and to justly resolve this conflict and bring overdue justice to the Palestinian people.

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Identical letters dated 19 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

The situation on the ground in Occupied Palestine, including East Jerusalem, is deteriorating at an alarming rate owing to the escalation of Israel's latest campaign of military aggression against the Palestinian people. Over the past 19 days, the occupying Power has intensified its attacks against Palestinian civilians and destructive actions in Palestinian land in grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law and the relevant provisions regarding the protection of civilians in armed conflict, and in grave breach of the prohibitions against reprisals and collective punishment against the civilian population under occupation.

In this regard, Palestinian civilian casualties are mounting as a result of this brutal and criminal Israeli onslaught, with numerous Palestinians dead and injured by the occupying forces in recent days. Since this most recent Israeli aggression began 19 days ago, 46 Palestinians have been killed and more than 1,800 Palestinians have been injured, including hundreds of children. We thus reiterate our urgent appeal to the international community, including the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to provide the defenceless and occupied Palestinian civilian population with protection and to immediately act to compel a halt to the occupying Power's violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law.

The international community must condemn and reject the fact that Israel, the occupying Power, not only allows its occupying forces to use excessive and indiscriminate force against the Palestinian civilian population with impunity but also allows and encourages all Israeli citizens and settlers to carry weapons and roam the occupied land as they wish, creating de facto militia forces that are gravely threatening the safety and well-being of the Palestinian people. This has obviously added another layer of oppression and fear to spread among our people as incitement by Israeli officials and the Israeli public in general aimed at harming

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Palestinians has become rampant, as is the culture of impunity for any Israeli who commits crimes against Palestinians.

The following are some of the many crimes perpetrated by the Israeli occupying forces and terrorist settlers against the Palestinian people in recent days:

On 14 October 2015:

- Ahmed Abu Sha'ban (age 23) was shot dead by the Israeli occupying forces in the area of the central bus station west of Occupied Jerusalem.
- Alaa Abu Jamal (age 33) died from wounds sustained in an attack by Israeli occupying forces on 13 October 2015.

On 15 October 2015:

- Riyad Dar Yousef (age 46) was attacked, along with his family, by Israeli settlers as he tended to his olive grove in Al-Janiya. He died shortly after from a heart attack.

On 16 October 2015:

- Ihab Jihad Hanani (age 19) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces in Nablus.
- Yahiya Farhat (age 24) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces in the Gaza Strip.
- Mahmoud Hatim Hmeid (age 22) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces in Gaza.
- Shawiq Jamal Jabr (age 37), who was shot by Israeli occupying forces in Gaza the previous week, died from his wounds.
- Eyad Khalil Awawdeh (age 26) was shot dead near the illegal settlement of "Kiryat Arba", in Al-Khalil.

On 17 October 2015:

- Mu'taz Owaisat (age 16) was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces in Jabal al-Mukaber in Occupied East Jerusalem.
- Fadil al-Qawasmi (age 18) was forcefully captured by a terrorist settler in central Al-Khalil, and when Fadil tried to leave the area, the terrorist settler shot him. He was left to bleed to death by members of Israeli occupying forces who witnessed and were present at the scene.
- Bayan Ayman al-Esseili (age 17) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces in Al-Khalil.
- Israeli occupying forces violently prevented Palestinian farmers from picking their olive trees in the village of Burin, south of Nablus.
- Omar Mohamed al-Faqih (age 24) was shot by Israeli occupying forces at Qalandiya checkpoint, north of Occupied East Jerusalem, and was left to bleed to death.
- Tareq Ziad al-Natsheh (age 22) was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces in Al-Shuhada Street in Al-Khalil.

- More than 200 Israeli settlers, backed by Israeli occupying forces, attacked the Palestinian villages of Wad al-Haseen and Wad al-Nasara near the illegal Israeli settlement of "Kiryat Arba", in Al-Khalil. During the attack, terrorist Israeli settlers threw stones and firebombs at Palestinian homes and injured at least three people, including Imad (age 40), Abdullah (age 13) and Mohamed (age 17); Mohamed's injuries were the most serious, as he was hit in the chest with one of the firebombs.

On 18 October 2015:

- Terrorist settlers attempted to kidnap two Palestinians from Burin, south of Nablus.

- Israeli occupying forces fired tear gas canisters and stun grenades inside a boys' secondary school in Jenin while students were still inside, causing fear and panic to spread, while groups of settlers attempted to storm Yabod town, west of Jenin.

- Israeli occupying forces began installing a large concrete wall in Occupied East Jerusalem to separate the Palestinian neighbourhood of Jabal al-Mukabbir from the nearby illegal Israeli settlement of "Armon Hanatziv".

- Huda Mohamed Darwish (age 65) died from breathing difficulties due to Israeli tear gas inhalation.

On 19 October 2015:

- Over the past 19 days, the Palestinian Health Ministry has reported that 46 Palestinians, including 10 children, have been killed by Israeli occupying forces. During that same time, a Palestinian political prisoner also died of medical neglect. In addition, 1,850 Palestinians have been shot with live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets, with some suffering burns and others beaten and assaulted by occupying forces and settlers, while more than 3,500 have suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation.

- The Ministry of Health also reports that the occupying forces have carried out 136 attacks against medical crews since the beginning of the month, wounding 165 medics, while 39 ambulances have been hit with gas bombs and grenades. Moreover, occupying forces stopped and delayed ambulances on 32 occasions as they were attempting to transport or reach wounded Palestinian civilians, with such obstruction undoubtedly contributing to the number of fatalities.

- The health condition of two Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails has been deteriorating owing to deliberate medical negligence, according to the Commission of Prisoners' Affairs.

- At least nine Palestinians were left homeless after settlers escorted and protected by Israeli occupying forces forcibly evicted them from their homes in Silwan in Occupied East Jerusalem.

As violations against Palestinian children continue to multiply, we continue to insist again that the Israeli Government, the Israeli occupying forces and Israeli settler militias belong on the list of grave violators of child rights in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict, and we will not relent in calling for such listing in the face of ongoing violations and crimes against our innocent and defenceless children.

Given that the occupying Power has chosen to escalate the perilous situation rather than to de-escalate it, we once again reiterate our urgent appeal to the Security Council of the United Nations to uphold its Charter duties and act to bring an end to this Israeli aggression and to protect the Palestinian civilian population. A strong message must be sent to Israel, the occupying Power, to cease immediately its military campaign and call for its occupying forces to abide by the law, disarm its settlers and citizens and hold them accountable for their crimes against the Palestinian people and their land. This will be the only way to de-escalate this dangerous situation to save lives, promote calm and revive some hope that a peaceful solution to end Israel's occupation, which would allow the Palestinian people to live in freedom and dignity in their own State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, actually still exists.

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Identical letters dated 21 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I am compelled to write to you today in response to recent fabricated statements made by the new representative of Israel, the occupying Power, Danny Danon, on 16 October 2015, at the United Nations at the Security Council stakeout. Not surprisingly, the statements made, particularly with regard to the State of Palestine's school curriculum, were completely and utterly false. Danon's statements about Palestine's curriculum and textbooks and outright racist accusation that Palestinian children are "being taught to hate" are false and must be rejected.

At his very first United Nations media stakeout, documented on the United Nations Webcast, Danon stated: "When he [referring to a Palestinian child] opens a textbook to do his homework he doesn't learn about math and science, he's being taught to hate." He then picked up an image of what appeared to be a photoshopped image of human anatomy with the parts of the human body labeled, with images of knives on it along with the title "How to Stab a Jew". Danon then had the audacity to state: "This picture is being taught in middle schools, in high schools, in elementary schools."

Contrary to his false rhetoric, there have been reports that images, such as the one described above, are floating around social media platforms through personal accounts. Whether the accounts are genuine or fake is unknown; however, it appears the alleged postings are no longer accessible. In either case, one thing is abundantly clear: the fictional story Danny Danon told to the media at the stakeout was a flat-out lie. Danon seems to be living up to his reputation, which has been reported as hawkish, racist and inciteful. However, I do agree with Danon on one thing, in his very own words: "When someone presents a lie, I will stand up and expose it."

The image shown by Danon at the media stakeout is not in the Palestinian school curriculum. It is not taught to Palestinian children and youth at any level. We welcome any genuine requests to review our school curriculum and textbooks. In

fact, the State of Palestine's school curriculum and textbooks are reviewed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and are in large part funded by the international community.

We reject the absurd and unacceptable assertions made by Danon and the offensive claim that the Palestinian people teach their children to hate. This is typical racist rhetoric by Israeli officials, reflecting the occupying Power's relentless policy to dehumanize the Palestinian people suffering under its belligerent foreign military occupation and to distort our people's rejection of this illegal and cruel occupation as they continue to seek their freedom and inalienable rights. Rather, it is Israel that is harming our children, women and men in every aspect and every single day through countless violations of international law and affronts to their human security and human dignity. For all of these violations and crimes the occupying Power must be held fully accountable.

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Identical letters dated 29 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I write to once again urgently draw the international community's attention to the grave situation in Occupied Palestine, including East Jerusalem, owing to Israel's ongoing aggression against the Palestinian people. This aggression continues to fuel the cycle of violence and the situation on the ground continues to deteriorate on all fronts. Moreover, it has become overwhelmingly clear that Israeli aggression, including extrajudicial killing, is in particular targeting Palestinian children and youth, who have been suffering casualties at an alarming rate, and whose despair is only deepening in the face of the brutality of this illegal occupation.

Despite recent diplomatic efforts, the current situation remains one of pervasive human insecurity, in which the lives, safety and well-being of the Palestinian civilian population are being gravely threatened by the occupying Power and its extremist settlers. It is Palestinian civilians, including children, who continue to be killed, injured and terrorized by Israel, the occupying Power, on a daily basis, and who remain in dire need of protection.

Again, we must place on record the long list of crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the defenseless Palestinian civilian population under its occupation in direct violation of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law. Since our last letter, on 21 October 2015 (A/ES-10/698-S/2015/807), and since the 22 October open debate of the Security Council, deaths and injuries among Palestinians have risen as a result of assaults by Israeli occupying forces and settlers. The casualties this month alone have reached 65 Palestinians killed, including 14 children, and more than 7,200 Palestinians, including hundreds of children, injured, with many eventually succumbing to their wounds. An estimated 2,220 Palestinians have been shot and injured by live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets routinely fired by occupying forces. Additionally, many victims have suffered burns,

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including 300 children, while others have been beaten and assaulted by occupying forces and settlers.

Thousands of Palestinians have also suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation and in some cases it has been fatal, as tragically happened with Hashem al-Azzeh (age 54), who died from inhalation of excessive tear gas fired by the Israeli occupying forces in Al-Khalil. We reject the indiscriminate and excessive use of force by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian civilian population, including the youth and elderly, and we reiterate our urgent appeal to the international community, including the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to provide the defenseless and occupied Palestinian civilian population with protection. This must be done in accordance with international humanitarian law, under which the occupied population is entitled to protection and under which the international community is obligated to ensure such protection where the occupying Power clearly refuses to uphold its legal obligations and is in constant grave breach of those obligations.

We must also draw attention to the fact that Palestinian civilians continue to be arrested and detained by Israeli occupying forces by the hundreds. This month alone, more than 1,300 Palestinians have been arrested and detained, often in violent and traumatizing raids, in the West Bank, including Occupied East Jerusalem. More than half of the arrests have been of Palestinian children under the age of 18, including a child as young as 11 years old, Malek Abu Maria, on 27 October. Thousands of Palestinians — men, women and children — are now being held captive in the occupation's jails under the most inhumane and abhorrent conditions, suffering physical and mental abuse, including torture. The international community must condemn this and it must demand that Israel, the occupying Power, cease such violations and abide by international law.

In this connection, we are compelled to emphasize that it is the legal right of the Palestinian people to politically and peacefully resist and reject this illegal occupation. Such rejection of the occupation cannot in any way be used as justification by the occupying Power to arrest and detain Palestinians or deem them so-called "terrorists", and these illegal practices should be roundly condemned. The international community must demand that Israel cease such illegal measures and comply with its international legal obligations and the relevant international norms.

The following are some of the many crimes perpetrated by the Israeli occupying forces and terrorist settlers against the Palestinian people in the recent period.

On 20 October 2015:

- Adi al-Masalmah (age 24) was shot with live bullets and killed in Beit Awwa, south-west of Al-Khalil. He was shot from a short distance in the head and in his legs
- Hamza al-Amleh (age 25) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces near the illegal settlement of "Gush Etzion", south of Bethlehem
- Ahmed Sharif al-Sarhi (age 27) was killed by occupying forces north of Al-Bureij camp in Gaza
- Bashar al-Ja'bari (age 15) and Husam al-Ja'bari (age 17) were shot dead by Israeli occupying forces near the illegal settlement of "Kiryat Arba", east of Al-Khalil

- Mohammed Qahoush (age 16) was shot with live fire in the head by the Israeli occupying forces and was seriously injured in Ni'lin, west of Ramallah

On 21 October 2015:

- Hashem al-Azzeh (age 54) died as a result of excessive tear gas inhalation in Tal al-Rumeida, in the centre of Al-Khalil
- Mu'taz Attallah Qasem (age 22) was shot dead by occupying forces near the illegal settlement of "Adam", east of Ramallah
- Reports indicated that at least 883 Palestinians, including children, had been detained by the occupying forces across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since the start of October

On 22 October 2015:

- Mahmoud Khalil Ghnaimat (age 20) died from wounds sustained in an attack by Israeli occupying forces near the illegal settlement of "Beit Shamesh", south of Occupied Jerusalem
- Miqdad al-Heeh (age 21) was shot by Israeli occupying forces and critically injured near the illegal settlement of "Beit Shamesh", south of Occupied Jerusalem

On 23 October 2015:

- Mus'ab Mohamed Ghnaimat was shot and injured by occupying forces near the illegal settlement of "Gush Etzion", south of Bethlehem
- Yahya Karira (age 20) died of wounds sustained during an Israeli raid in Gaza the previous week
- Tabe' Khalil Taqatqah (age 42) was run over and injured by an Israeli terrorist settler near Taqou', south of Bethlehem

On 24 October 2015:

- Khalil Abu Obeid (age 25) died from wounds sustained in early October after being shot by Israeli occupying forces in Khan Younis, Gaza
- Ahmed Kamil (age 16) was shot dead by occupying forces near the illegal checkpoint of Al-Jalameh, north of Jenin

On 25 October 2015:

- Israeli occupying forces issued administrative detention orders against 27 Palestinians
- Terrorist settlers from the so-called "price tag" group set a Palestinian-owned car on fire and spray painted racist graffiti on walls in Um Tuba, southeast of Jerusalem
- Suleiman Ahmed (age 22), a Palestinian driver working at the Ministry of Health, was forced out of the car and thrown to the ground, before being brutally assaulted at gunpoint by Israeli occupying forces at the illegal checkpoint at Za'tara on Nablus-Ramallah road

- Azzam Shalaldeh (age 20) was shot by a terrorist settler while he was picking olives in Wadi Sa'ir north-east of Al-Khalil and suffered serious injuries to his neck, abdomen and foot
- Dania Irsheid, a 17-year-old girl, was shot dead by the Israeli occupying forces near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil
- The Israeli Prime Minister declared that the occupying Power was considering revoking the residency status of thousands of Palestinian residents of Occupied East Jerusalem

On 26 October 2015:

- Over the past 26 days, the Palestinian Ministry of Health has reported that at least 61 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces and terrorist settlers, including 14 children, a pregnant woman and a Palestinian political prisoner; 43 were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and 17 were killed in Gaza
- 2,120 Palestinians have been shot and injured by live ammunition, rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas canisters routinely fired by the occupying forces at Palestinian civilians. In addition to such injuries, many have suffered burns while others have been beaten and assaulted by occupying forces and settlers. Among the wounded are 450 children and women, while more than 5,000 Palestinian civilians have suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation
- More than 1,000 Palestinians, including many children, have been arrested and detained since the beginning of October
- Raed Abdul-Rahim Jaradat (age 22) was shot dead by occupying forces north of Al-Khalil
- Saed Mohammed Yousef al-Atrash (age 19) was shot dead by occupying forces in the old city of Al-Khalil
- Terrorist settlers attacked Palestinian homes on the Nablus-Jenin road with gunfire and hurled stones and empty bottles at passing Palestinian vehicles
- Israeli occupying forces removed the surveillance cameras that had been installed by the Islamic Religious Endowments Authority (Al-Waqf) in the vicinity of Moroccan Gate, after groups of settlers, guarded by occupying forces, forced their way into the holy site through this gate
- Iyad Rawhi Jaradat (age 17) was killed by the Israeli occupying forces near Al-Khalil by being shot in the head with a live bullet
- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers harvesting olives in their land east of Nablus; they also attacked Haj Tawfiq (age 66) and moderately injured him

On 27 October 2015:

- Two Palestinians, Shabaan Abu Shkeidem (age 17) and Shadi Nabil Abdulmuti Dweik (age 22) were shot and killed by occupying forces near the illegal "Gush Etzion" settlement south of Bethlehem after allegedly stabbing an Israeli soldier
- Hammam Said (age 23) was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces near Tal Rumeida in Al-Khalil

- Ibrahim Barad'iya (age 30), a mentally disabled man, was arrested by occupying forces near Al-Aroub, north of Al-Khalil

- Israeli occupying forces arrested Mohamed Abu Maria (age 17) and Mo'ayyad Abu Maria (age 15) after raiding their home, while their 11-year-old brother Malek was summoned for interrogation, arrested and transferred to the occupying Power's detention centre called "Ofer"

On 28 October 2015:

- Israeli occupying forces stormed Al-Maqased Hospital in Al-Tur in Occupied East Jerusalem for the second consecutive day with the aim of confiscating outpatient medical files, spreading fear and panic among patients and medical staff

- Islam Rafiq Ibeido (age 23) was shot by occupying forces and left to bleed to death near the illegal settlement of "Kiryat Arba" in Al-Khalil

- Israeli occupying forces issued notices for the confiscation of dozens of acres of Palestinian-owned land in six villages north of Nablus, including Beit Furik, Salem, Awarta, Yasuf, Sawiya and Azmout

On 29 October 2015:

- Mahdi Mohammad Ramadan al-Muhtasib (age 23) was shot dead by Israeli occupying forces near Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil

- Farouk Abdel Qader Omar Sidr (age 19) was shot dead by occupying forces near the illegal "Beit Hadassah" settlement in Al-Khalil

In the light of these mounting civilian casualties, we reiterate our call to the international community to condemn and reject Israel's use of excessive and indiscriminate force against the Palestinian civilian population, which constitutes the official policy of the Israeli Government, as repeatedly declared by numerous Israeli officials, including the Prime Minister. This policy, which is rooted in the longstanding and blatant Israeli disregard for Palestinian life, has had a vastly detrimental effect on the Palestinian civilian population, increasing casualties and injuries, intensifying the oppression and fear experienced daily and deepening frustration and despair. As the international community remains unable to confront this crisis situation, the sense of isolation and abandonment by the Palestinian people is regrettably also increasing.

In this regard, we must also again draw the international community's attention to the ongoing rabid incitement by Israeli government officials that serves only to foment and excuse Israeli hatred of the Palestinian people and thus intensify the threats to the safety and well-being of Palestinians. The harm that is being inflicted on the Palestinian people at this moment, especially our youth, is abundant proof of the impact of such unbridled incitement and extreme and vulgar provocations by the occupying Power.

A few examples of such incitement in just the past week include the statement by the Israeli Prime Minister that "at this time we need to control all of the territory for the foreseeable future" and by the Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister that "my dream is to see the Israeli flag flying over the Temple Mount". Prime Minister Netanyahu took it even further when he attempted to rewrite history and absolve Hitler by falsely blaming the Holocaust, one of the most horrendous horrors in history, on a

Palestinian. The Prime Minister also has recently threatened the revocation of the residency permits of thousands of Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem, which would constitute yet another illegal measure of collective punishment. Such reckless, provocative statements fan already blazing tensions and further prove the malicious intentions of Israel towards the Palestinian people, their land and their holy sites, including in terms of respect for the historic status quo at Al-Haram al-Sharif.

All are aware that a single incident did not spark the current situation. For years, Israel has cultivated a culture of aggression and hate towards the Palestinian people under its illegal occupation. It has illegally and forcibly imposed control against the entire Palestinian population and persisted with the complete denial and gross violation of their human rights. All of this has been perpetrated with total impunity. It is undeniable that the Israeli occupation is the root cause of all that is occurring at this moment, and Israel's denial of this fact is offensive and must be rejected. The Israeli occupation, in all its forms and manifestations, be it aggression, colonization, provocations or incitement, is the root cause, not the symptoms that we are witnessing today, which are the inevitable by-products of such unrelenting oppression and brutality.

As this injustice continues unabated and innocent lives continue to be taken and ruined by the occupying Power, we must again call for immediate international action. We reiterate our appeal to the Security Council to uphold its Charter duties and to act to protect the Palestinian civilian population and compel an end to Israel's aggression and crimes. This is the only way to de-escalate the current dangerous situation and promote the calm necessary to revive the hope and potential for a peaceful solution that ends the Israeli occupation and allows the Palestinian people to live in freedom and dignity in their own State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

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I regret that I must once again draw attention to the grave situation in occupied Palestine, including East Jerusalem, as a direct result of Israel's persistent aggression against the Palestinian people. Every day, reports, witness accounts and videos confirm the continuation of Israel's lethal and illegal policies and measures against the defenceless Palestinian civilian population, with no one considered too young or too old to be spared. The number of casualties continues to rise and fear and tensions are mounting as a result of such Israeli actions and the ongoing incitement and provocations carried out with impunity by Israeli government officials and settlers at holy sites and throughout occupied Palestine. If this aggression and stoking of tensions continues, the situation will surely deteriorate further, despair will deepen and any ounce of hope left for a political horizon will disappear.

Indeed, far from de-escalating, the situation remains precarious owing to Israel's insistence on the use of violent force and oppressive measures against the Palestinian civilian population and the entrenchment of the occupation through all illegal means and measures for the purpose of controlling both the people and the land. This has been supplemented and supported by a blatant culture of hate cultivated for decades by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people under its illegal occupation, a culture of hate that feeds and is manifested in the pervasive aggression, racism and inhumane behaviour of the Israeli occupying forces and extremist Israeli settlers towards Palestinians.

There have been innumerable examples of this culture of hate in the current period. Most recently, it was exhibited in the words and actions of Israeli occupying forces in the Bethlehem area. A recent video, recorded on 29 October, documented an Israeli military vehicle entering the Aida refugee camp and, over a loudspeaker, an Israeli soldier threatens the residents with the following:

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> People of Aida refugee camp, we are the occupation army. You throw stones and we will hit you with gas until you all die. The children, the youth, the old people, you will all die. We won't leave any of you alive. And we have arrested one of you; he is with us now. We took him from his home and we will butcher and kill him while you're watching. As long as you throw stones, go home or we will gas you, we will gas you until you die.

This blatant diatribe of hatred, racism and terror is the epitome of the Israeli occupation, whereby the occupying Power has illegally and forcibly imposed its control over the entire Palestinian population and persisted with the total denial and gross violation of their human rights, all for the furtherance of its occupation of Palestine, which it continues to rabidly and illegally colonize, all in grave breach of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law.

Furthermore, in an unfathomable display of violence and excessive force, a 30 October video captured a Palestinian youth, Maher al-Faroukh, running for his life as an Israeli military jeep intentionally ran him down. An Israeli soldier then gets out of the jeep, hits him in the head with the front of his gun and stomps on the youth with his boot as he remains down. As medical personnel attempt to come to the youth's aid, occupying forces violently assault them, preventing medics from treating the youth. Moreover, on the same day, Ramadan Mohammad Faisal Thawabta, an 8-month-old baby, died from tear-gas inhalation in the village of Beit Fajjar, south of Bethlehem, during an occupying force raid.

Injustice continues daily, unabated, and innocent lives continue to be taken and ruined by the occupying Power, and the Israeli occupation is the source of it all. The Palestinian Ministry of Health has documented that, in the month of October, the Israeli occupying forces killed 72 Palestinians, among them 15 children; 55 were killed in the West Bank and 17 in the Gaza Strip. Moreover, 2,617 Palestinians were shot and wounded with live and rubber-coated steel bullets in October and at least 5,399 persons were treated for excessive tear-gas inhalation, while 246 were injured in other ways, including assaults by occupying forces and burns from tear-gas canisters.

While it is impossible to record every single crime perpetrated daily by the Israeli occupying forces and terrorist settlers against the Palestinian people, in addition to the above, the list below is a compilation of many crimes in the recent period.

30 October 2015:

- Ahmed Hamada Qneibi (23 years of age) succumbed to serious wounds sustained after being shot by Israeli occupying forces in Sheikh Jarrah, in occupied East Jerusalem

31 October 2015:

- Mahmoud Talal Nazzal (18 years of age) was shot dead by occupying forces near al-Jalama illegal checkpoint, northeast of Jenin
- Reports indicate that more than 1,500 Palestinians were arrested by the Israeli occupying forces in the month of October. More than 300 of those arrested were children and 40 were women, 4 of whom were wounded with live ammunition

1 November 2015:

- Israeli settlers resumed their provocative visits into al-Aqsa mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem, with the accompaniment of Israeli occupying forces
- Fadi Hassan al-Faroukh (27 years of age) was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces near Beit Einun, east of al-Khalil

2 November 2015:

- Ahmed Awad Abu al-Rub (16 years of age) was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces near al-Jalama illegal checkpoint, northeast of Jenin
- Yousef Hasan Abu Khdeir (7 years of age) and Omar Muhammad Abu Khdeir (8 years of age) were detained by the Israeli occupying forces and taken to the so-called "Neve Yaakov" station in Beit Hanina. They were later released by the occupying forces
- Israeli occupying forces demolished a Palestinian home in Jabal al-Mukkabir and a building in Beit Hanina in occupied East Jerusalem on the pretext that the properties lacked building permits
- After the return of the seized bodies of Palestinians killed by the occupying forces through October and following medical examinations, it was reported that the bodies had been returned with missing corneas and other organs, further confirming past reports about organ harvesting by the occupying Power from the Palestinian victims of its brutality
- Israeli occupying forces stormed a Palestinian radio station in al-Khalil, destroying and confiscating equipment and ordering the media outlet's closure in violation of press freedom
- Occupying forces installed a steel gate at the entrance to the West Bank village of Ein Yabrud, east of Ramallah, in a blatant act of collective punishment
- Schools in Surif, in western al-Khalil, were forced to close after Israeli occupying forces sprayed the campus with tear gas

3 November:

- Israeli occupying forces raided the Baladna medical centre in al-Isawiya in occupied East Jerusalem, once again attempting to seize patient files and once again forcibly violating the premises of a medical facility
- Eviction notices were issued to 10 Palestinian families in Jaloud village, near Nablus, informing them of plans to demolish their homes owing to their proximity to a nearby settlement
- Two children, Mohammed Abdullah Yaqoub Shweiki (7 years of age) and Amir Mohammed Abbassi, were detained by occupying forces in occupied East Jerusalem
- Israeli occupying forces shot and injured Ayman Ahmad Hmeidat in the town of Beit Ummar

For all the injustices being perpetuated every day against the Palestinian people, we reiterate our call for immediate international action. We call upon the

international community to condemn and reject Israel's excessive and indiscriminate use of force and confront this crisis situation without delay. Moreover, we reiterate our appeal to the Security Council to uphold its duties under the Charter and to act to protect the Palestinian civilian population and compel an end to Israel's aggression and crimes in accordance with international law, including humanitarian and human rights law. This is the only way to de-escalate the current dangerous situation and promote the calm necessary to revive the hope and potential for a peaceful solution that ends the Israeli occupation and allows the Palestinian people to live in freedom and dignity in their own State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

This letter is in follow-up to our 562 previous letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 29 October 2015 (A/ES-10/699-S/2015/827), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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State of Palestine to the United Nations